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SUBJECT: GRIM BIRD FLU MILESTONE: EGYPT'S 50TH CASE

REF: A. A. CAIRO 784
[1](#)B. B. CAIRO 413

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[1](#)1. (SBU) On April 16, the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) confirmed its seventh human avian influenza (AI) case this year: a 2-year-old boy from the Sharqia Governorate north of Cairo. This marks Egypt's 50th confirmed AI case overall, and the third in the month of April. The child was hospitalized the day after he fell ill. The treating physicians administered Tamiflu to him immediately, and he, unlike the last two AI victims, is expected to recover (ref A).

[1](#)2. (SBU) A notable spike in AI cases occurred earlier this year when the virus struck four Egyptians over a course of ten days in late February and early March (refs A and B).

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